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3 By Senators Taylor, Scofield, Holtzclaw and Orr
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to voter registration; to amend Sections
12 17-3-50 and 17-4-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to extend the time
13 period during which a board of registrars is prohibited from
14 registering any person as a qualified elector from 10 to 17
15 days before an election; to require the voter registration
16 list to be printed within the 10-day period before an
17 election; and to remove the exception that counties with a
18 population of 600,000 or more inhabitants comply with local
19 laws for voter registration deadlines.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Sections 17-3-50 and 17-4-2 of the Code
22 of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

23 "§17-3-50.

24 "~~(a)~~ The boards of registrars in the several
25 counties of the state shall not register any person as a
26 qualified elector within ~~10~~ 14 days prior to any election;
27 provided, that the boards shall maintain open offices during

1 business days in such ~~10-day~~ 14-day period and on election day
2 during the hours of voting.

3 ~~"(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply
4 in any county having a population of not less than 600,000
5 inhabitants according to the 1970 or any succeeding federal
6 decennial census, and any currently effective local law or
7 general law of local application providing for a deadline on
8 registration in such county shall remain in full force and
9 effect and shall not be repealed by operation of this section.~~

10 "§17-4-2.

11 "The board of registrars, when registration is
12 closed before a primary, general, or special election, shall
13 certify to the Secretary of State any additions, deletions,
14 corrections, or changes to the state voter registration list.
15 After registration has closed and within the 10-day period
16 before an election, the judge of probate shall prepare and
17 print a report from the state voter registration list of the
18 correct alphabetical lists of the qualified electors
19 registered by precincts, districts, or subdivisions of a
20 precinct where the precinct has been divided or subdivided, if
21 not within a city or incorporated town, and by wards and other
22 subdivisions, if within a city or incorporated town, and no
23 others. An electronic archive in the database for the state
24 voter registration list shall be recorded simultaneously with
25 the printing of each county's list of qualified voters. Each
26 printed list of qualified voters shall contain a printed
27 certification generated by the state voter registration system

1 establishing that the contents of the list are true and
2 correct as of the specified time and date when it was printed.
3 The judge of probate shall deliver or cause to be delivered to
4 the inspectors in each precinct, each district, each ward, or
5 each other subdivision one copy of the list of qualified
6 electors printed for such box or voting place immediately
7 preceding every general, primary, or special election, and the
8 delivered list shall contain only the names of persons
9 qualified to vote at such box or voting place; except, that
10 for purposes of information only, there may be delivered to
11 the inspectors lists prepared for other boxes or voting
12 places. The list published in the newspaper before each
13 primary election shall not be used as the poll list.

14 "Notwithstanding the foregoing, electronic access to
15 the state voter registration list may be utilized in lieu of a
16 printed list in accordance with administrative rules
17 promulgated and implemented by the Secretary of State. The
18 Secretary of State shall send any proposed new rule or
19 amendment to an existing rule by certified mail to each county
20 canvassing board at least 30 days prior to certification of
21 the proposed rule or amendment pursuant to the Administrative
22 Procedure Act.

23 "Both the board of registrars and the judge of
24 probate shall keep a current copy of the qualified elector
25 list for the county open and subject to public inspection."

26 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
27 first day of the third month following its passage and

1 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law and
2 shall be implemented beginning with the November 2014 general
3 election.

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Yeas 24
Nays 7

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